

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-12-07**

Date Prepared: December 3, 1998
For Work Week Commencing: December 7, 1998
Business Meeting: December 7, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Havre Pipeline Company Docket No. D98.6.127 – Havre Pipeline Company's request for a Protective Order – Action on Motion for Protective Order, MPTM's Objection to the Motion, and possible scheduling of a hearing in Havre, with further procedural scheduling (12/8/98)
2. Montana Power Company Docket No. D97.7.90 – MPC Restructuring – Universal System Benefit Issues – Discuss Issues/direction to staff (12/8/98)
3. Mountain Energy Docket No. N98.11.276 – Mountain Energy Electricity Supplier License Application – Discuss/Act on Application (12/8/98)
4. Montana Power Company Docket No. D98.8.183 – MPC LTQF tariff filing – Discuss/Act on draft final order (12/8/98)

5. Discount Plus Docket No. N98.12.280 – Discount Plus – late, unauthorized & duplicate billing – Discuss complaints; obtain commission direction (12/8/98)
6. USWC Docket No. D98.10.243 – Custom Choice – US West – To act on draft order (12/8/98)
7. Montana Universal Access Docket No. N98.1.4 – Montana Universal Access Program – Waive deadline for FY99 MUAP applications from Jan 1, 1999 (12/8/98)
8. Universal Service, Universal Access Docket No. N98.9.202 – Universal Service, Universal Access – Discuss draft report to Legislature re Universal Service, Universal Access (12/8/98)
9. USWC Docket No. D97.5.87 – USWC's 271 application – To address motions from AT&T and USWC, other matter that may arise (12/8/98)
10. USWC Docket No. D98.4.86 – USWC's dialing parity implementation plan – Discuss draft order (12/8/98)
11. Southern Montana Telephone Docket No. D98.10.233 – Southern Montana Telephone Company's dialing parity implementation plan – Discuss draft order (12/8/98)
12. Clark Fork Telecommunications Docket No. D98.10.223 and Northern Telephone Cooperative Docket No. D98.10.229 – Dialing parity implementation plans – Address Motions for Waiver (12/8/98)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MILLER OIL CO – DOCKET NO. N98.10.253 (Joel)

On October 19, 1998 Miller Oil Co. filed for Commission approval of new tariffs reflecting rules covering charges for utility customer services. These services range from returned check charges to reconnection fees. The existing rates will remain the same. Staff recommends approval.

2. ESSEN COMMUNICATIONS/U S WEST – Docket D98.10.254(Karen)

On October 27, 1998, U S WEST Communications, Inc. and Essen Communications Corporation filed a resale agreement for approval pursuant to § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The resale agreement is substantially similar to other recent agreements filed and approved by the Commission and is consistent with Commission requirements. A draft order has been distributed

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1. WORLDCOM – Docket N98.12.279 (Tina)

On December 1, 1998, WorldCom Technologies filed tariff revisions to their Montana Price List Tariff. Requiring Commission action is a revision to the discount schedule for Metro Frame Relay Service.

2. ONE EIGHTY COMMUNICATIONS – Docket D98.10.252 (Tina)

On November 20, 1998, One Eighty Communications filed for approval of its price list for local exchange service

3. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS CO – Docket N98.11.277 (Vicki)

On November 27, 1998, Sprint filed tariff pages to make minimal text changes.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-12-14

WORLDCOM – Docket N98.12.279 (Tina)

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS – Docket No. N98.11.277 (Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N98.11.277- Sprint – Text revisions, intro Cool Rewards, Monthly Minutes & Sprint sense anytime, grandfather Monthly Minutes & Optional Foncard

D98.12.278 - USWC – Phase two resale agreement with Regal Telephone

N98.12.279 - WorldCom – Tariff to restructure monthly recurring and nonrecurring charges and discount schedule for metro frame relay service

N98.12.280 – Discount Plus – Consumer complaints